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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS PEPR AG MO MR FR SP

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION WITH ALGERIAN DCM DEBAGHA

REF: (A) STATE 72238, (B) ALGIERS 0967

1. IN FULFILLMENT EARLIER PROMISE TO INFORM HIM OF U.S.  
DECISION ON MOROCCAN ARMS REQUEST, AFN DIRECTOR BISHOP  
CALLED IN ALGERIAN DCM DEBAGHA AFTER RECEIPT REFTEL B.  
POINTS CONTAINED REFTEL A WERE ALL MADE. DEBAGHA DID NOT  
CONTEST STATEMENT THAT ALGERIA PROVIDING MILITARY SUPPORT  
TO POLISARIO. HE EXPRESSED PRIVATE OPINION THAT U.S.  
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NEGATIVE DECISION ON MOROCCAN ARMS REQUEST WOULD HAVE  
POSITIVE IMPACT ON ALGERIAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS.

2. IN RESPONDING TO BISHOP'S AFFIRMATION OF U.S. INTEREST  
IN A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT, DEBAGHA CHARGED THAT MOROCCO  
AT TRIPOLI OAU FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING HAD PUT  
GABONESE UP TO DEMAND U.S. DOLS 8 MILLION TO COVER SUMMIT

CONFERENCE EXPENSES AND THROUGH THIS AND OTHER  
OBSTRUCTIONIST TACTICS CONTINUED BLOCK POSSIBLE OAU  
ACTION ON SAHARA DISPUTE. OAU, IN ANY CASE, DID NOT SEEM  
VERY INTERESTED IN BECOMING INVOLVED. BISHOP ADVISED

PATIENCE AND CONTINUED SEARCH FOR PEACEFUL SOLUTION,  
AGAIN POINTING OUT THAT ALGERIAN MILITARY SUPPORT FOR  
POLISARIO DID NOT IMPROVE CHANCES FOR NEGOTIATED SETTLE-  
MENT.

3. TURNING DISCUSSION TO TERRORISM, BISHOP SAID DEPART-  
MENT AWARE OF ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT DECISION NOT TO PERMIT  
HIJACKED AIRCRAFT TO LAND IN ALGERIA UNLESS REQUESTED TO  
DO SO BY COMPETENT INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY, AND DEPART-  
MENT REGARDED THIS AS POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT. HOWEVER,  
DEBAGHA, WHO HAD ATTENDED RIBICOFF COMMITTEE HEARINGS  
ON TERRORISM, SHOULD BE AWARE THAT CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST  
IN THIS SUBJECT MOUNTING, AND DEPARTMENT PROBABLY WOULD  
WISH TO HAVE ANOTHER DISCUSSION ON TERRORISM WITH  
ALGERIAN EMBASSY. DEBAGHA GIVEN COPY OF TERRORISM  
RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY SENATOR CASE AND INFORMED THAT  
RIBICOFF COMMITTEE NOW CONSIDERING A TERRORISM BILL MUCH  
TOUGHER THAN BILL INITIALLY BEFORE COMMITTEE. COPIES OF  
RIBICOFF BILL DRAFT AND CASE RESOLUTION BEING POUCHED TO  
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